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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
April 17, 2013, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:44 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
Pauline Lally
William Gallagher
William Young
Leo Fahey
Mark Fortune
Jennifer Revill
Dan Dumont

Board Members Not Present:

John Viola
Michael Torchio
Frank Norton

Guests Present:

Brian Logan, DPS
Doug Neveu, Notch Mechanical
Kristen M., Notch Mechanical
Brian Finn, Business Agent, Local 669
Brett LaPlante, PPF Local 51
Pierre Groleau, PPF Local 4
Atty. Steve Roche
Chuck Borstel, Asse'd Builders & Contractors
Larry Carpenter, Applicant
John Daly, Applicant
Holly Bartlett, DPS

2. The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed by members present; **a motion to accept the agenda was made by Bill Young, seconded by Bill Gallagher, motion passed by unanimous vote.**
3. The minutes from the last two meetings on February 27 and March 27, 2013, were reviewed by members present; **motion to adopt these minutes into record was made by Bill Young, seconded by Leo Fahey, motion passed by unanimous vote.**
4. The following applications for licensure were considered by the Bureau:
 - a. Application from Larry Carpenter to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Carpenter was present at this meeting. The Chairman asked Mr. Carpenter to describe to the Bureau his work experience. Bureau members felt that documentation of more specific information regarding his work experience must be presented in order to approve his application. **Motion made to table this application until the applicant can provide additional information; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- b. Application from John Daly to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor's exam was considered, Mr. Daly was present at this meeting. Mr. Daly's application had been considered at the previous meeting, and is now being reconsidered with additional information provided by the applicant. **Motion to approve this application made by William Gallagher; motion passed by unanimous vote**
- c. Application from Brad Morawski to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam was considered, Mr. Morawski was not present at this meeting. It was determined that Mr. Morawski does not have the experience required to take the RT exam. **Motion to deny this application made by Mark Fortune, seconded by William Young; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- d. An application from Anthony Miglione had been referred to the Bureau for consideration, but the Chairman approved this application based on the documentation submitted by the applicant. **No action by the Bureau is necessary.**

5. Pipefitting Regulation Discussion

- a. The Chairman opened the discussion, beginning with the new classification of pipefitting licenses. The new definition of pipefitting was called into question, but the Chairman pointed out that the definition is part of the statute, and cannot be changed by the Bureau. Steven Roche addressed the Bureau to provide clarification as to how the legislature went about drafting the language of the new definition, and what the intent was. The Bureau members agreed that the present Pipefitter license would use the B31.1 and B31.9 Codes for the scope of that classification and the new Process Pipefitter classification would use the scope of B31.3 Code. Discussion ensued how to address the welding certification piece of the new legislation, and whether there will be a separate exam for the pipefitter welder. In summation, the Bureau agreed to the following grandfathering considerations: a person currently holding a pipefitter license would be grandfathered to a process pipefitting license if they worked in process pipefitting for 4 years prior; a person who has done process piping work for the last 4 years without needing to hold a license previously would be grandfathered to the new process pipefitting license, if they apply within 180 days.
- b. Regarding the draft applications, the Chairman asked the Bureau to consider the drafts presented at a previous meeting. The Bureau made minor changes to the language on the applications.
- c. It was agreed that changes to the draft applications and pipefitter welder classifications will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. New Business

- a. Steve Roche brought up the matter of use of retained revenue funds to hire new inspectors, referring to a specific supplemental budget line item that would have allowed for establishment of a retained revenue account to hire additional engineering inspectors which was vetoed; although the funding was cut, the language remains for the DPS to establish permitting applications/inspections/fees for work being done in buildings owned/used/leased by the Commonwealth, per Chapter 239, Section 2A, line item 8315 1-1023. Brief discussion of the possibility of increasing licensing fees to create a revenue stream to hire new inspectors followed. Steve Roche asked if the Bureau had seen a report that DPS was required to file with Admin & Finance and the Ways & Means committees per Chapter 239 of the Acts of 2012, Section 53, containing funding recommendations necessary to enforce pipefitting licensing and inspection of work undertaken by licensed pipefitters. * **The Chairman said that this matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.**

- b. Mark Fortune brought up the matter of the Plumbing Board having voted 8-1 to move forward with installation of sprinkler systems in 1- and 2-family dwellings, considering those systems to be part of the plumbing system, and asked if the Bureau would be taking any actions to stop the Plumbing Board from moving forward with this. * **The Chairman said that the Chief of Inspections sits on that board, and that he would check with him to provide feedback to the Bureau as to what must be done.**

7. With no remaining topics on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34.

**Action items to be addressed at the next meeting are indicated by an asterisk*

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.